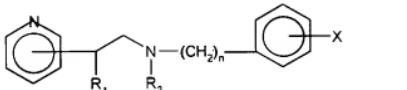


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A compound of formula I



wherein

n is an integer from 2 to 4

R₁ is a hydrogen atom, hydroxyl group or lower C₁₋₆alkoxy group

R₂ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched lower C₁₋₆alkyl group

X is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, hydroxyl group, trifluoromethyl group, 3,4-di-

C1,2,4-di-C1 or lower C₁₋₆alkoxy group

and or an enantiomer, diastereoisomer or racemate thereof, and or a physiologically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). The compounds according to claim 1 in which n is an integer 2, R₁ is a hydroxyl group, R₂ a methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl or isobutyl group and X is a hydrogen atom, 3,4-dichlorophenyl or 2,4-dichlorophenyl 3,4-di-Cl, or 2,4-di-Cl.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 in which R₁ is a hydroxyl group in the RS configuration.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 which is 1-(3-pyridyl)-2-(N-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethyl-N-propylamino)ethanol and a dihydrobromide salt thereof.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 which is 1-(3-pyridyl)-2-(N-(2-phenylethyl)-N-propylamino)ethanol and a dihydrobromide salt thereof.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 which is 1-(3-pyridyl)-2-(N-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethyl-N-methylamino)ethanol and a dihydrobromide salt thereof.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 which is 1-(4-pyridyl)-2-(N-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethyl-N-methylamino)ethanol and a dihydrobromide salt thereof.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). The pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compound of formula I according to claim 1 and the physiologically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

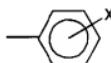
Claim 11 (Currently Amended). The process for preparation of the compound of formula I according to claim 1 which process comprises

a) alkylating secondary amines of formula VI



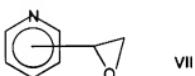
wherein

R_2 is as defined above in formula I and Z is a group



in which X is as defined above in formula I,

with pyridyloxirane of formula VII



and, if desired, the obtained compounds of formula I are converted into the salt to form the compound of formula I, or

b) alkylating primary amines of formula VIII

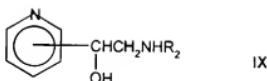


wherein R_2 is as defined above in formula I,

with pyridyloxirane of formula VII



to intermediate compounds of formula IX



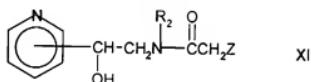
wherein R_2 is as defined above in formula I.

and condensing with the derivatives of phenylacetic acid or a derivative of phenylacetic acid of formula X



wherein Z is as defined above.

to an intermediate compounds of formula XI



and reducing them to the title compounds of formula I, and, if desired, converting them into the salt the compound of formula XI to the compound of formula I.

Claim 12 (New). The process of Claim 11, further comprising the step of converting the compound of formula I in to a salt.